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Identical letters dated 11 March 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 11 March 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities carried out on Tuesday, 11 March 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

Two helicopters carrying the team took off from Rashid airfield at 8.00 a.m. The team arrived at the Ur State Company, which belongs to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals and is located in the city of Nasiriyah. The team checked the half-yearly reports and enquired about changes that had taken place in the Company since 1998, the Company's standard production, the types of aluminium ingots produced there and the sources of raw materials. The team inspected all the Company's facilities and departments and used a gamma-ray measuring instrument. On completing its mission, which lasted 4 hours and 30 minutes, the group returned to Rashid airfield.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

Group I

A first group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and went to the Technical Battalion in Taji. The group oversaw the destruction of three Sumud-2 missiles and nine warheads together with a launching base and 16 oxidizer tanks. On completing its mission, which lasted 5 hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and went to the Karamah State Company, which is owned by the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC). The group took an inventory of Sumud-2 missile equipment with a view to its being loaded and transported to the destruction site at Taji. The group also oversaw the destruction of the blueprints for the Sumud-2 missile. On completing its mission, which lasted 4 hours and 40 minutes, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

The team left the Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m. and went to the State Company for the Manufacture of Batteries, which belongs to the Ministry of Industry. The team met with Company officials and asked them about the nature of the Company's present activity, the nature of its products, its raw materials procurement and its marketing. The team then inspected all the Company's plants and checked and compared the declared equipment and materials. On completing its mission, which lasted 5 hours, the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

IV. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

The team left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. and went to the Karbala Canning Company, which is privately owned. It met the Company manager and asked him about the date on which the Company was transferred to the private sector, the number of departments in the Company, whether it had a quality control laboratory, the number of employees, the number holding graduate degrees and the Company's raw materials procurement. The team then inspected all the Company's departments. On completing its mission, which lasted 3 hours and 30 minutes, the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

V. UNMOVIC joint inspection team in Baghdad

At 8.30 a.m. a helicopter carrying the UNMOVIC team took off from Rashid airfield. The team arrived at the Ninawa branch of the Mesopotamia State Seed Company and met with Company officials, asking them about the nature of the Company's work and the number of sheds. It asked to perform a radiation survey on all yellow corn storage areas. On completing its mission, which lasted 2 hours and 15 minutes, the group returned to Rashid airfield.

VI. Interviews

UNMOVIC requested a private interview in a Baghdad hotel with an Iraqi expert. The National Monitoring Directorate encouraged him to hold the interview and notified him that he should appear at the appointed time and place. The interview did not take place due to the fact that the person in question insisted that it should be documented by means of a sound recording.

VII. U-2 reconnaissance aircraft

At 0940 hours a U-2 reconnaissance plane entered Iraqi airspace. At 1000 hours another aircraft of the same type entered Iraqi airspace without any prior notification. The Director General of the National Monitoring Directorate immediately contacted the Director of the Baghdad Ongoing Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Centre (BOMVIC), which belongs to UNMOVIC, in order to enquire about the identity of the second aircraft. A few minutes later the Director of BOMVIC telephoned the National Monitoring Directorate and acknowledged that an error had occurred as a result of steps taken unintentionally by UNMOVIC. He expressed his profound apologies for the mistake and explained that the planes had been instructed to leave Iraqi airspace.